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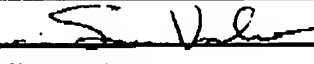
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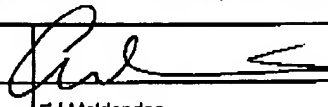
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, reconsideration of this action and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper; and

*Remarks/Arguments* begin on page 7 of this paper.